

## TORONTO SOCIETY OF ARTS, 1847.

It is wished to be observed, that in the formation of this Society the object of the Founders has been to give greater means and facilities for the study of the Fine Arts, being convinced how highly their cultivation will contribute to the reputation, character and dignity, of the Province, more particularly as they are so intimately associated with the progress of science, literature, and philosophy.

It is proposed to obtain from Europe a collection of Casts of the finest remaining sculpture of antiquity, together with the choicest existing specimens of classical composition in foliage, with a series of other gems of antiquarian research, to form an effective school for the study of the human figure, and to promote the cultivation of pure taste in the various applications of design.

In order to the carrying out in an effectual manner this great object, the support of a generous public is indispensable, and the Society feel satisfied from the general character and high discrimination of many of our worthy citizens, that they will justly appreciate the motives that dictated the formation of the Society.

From 1834 until 1847 the Society of Arts in Toronto ceased to exist, and we had only two Exhibitions, 1847 and 1848. The Society was so badly patronised, that my being the Treasurer, I had to pay £35 out of my own pocket.

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